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For most of us, 2001 was anything but business as usual.

The tragedy of September 11 sent a series of aftershocks rippling around the world. Amid this great loss — and the solidarity with which Americans responded — institutions everywhere faced an array of challenges. Yet despite these challenges we at The Field Museum strove to make 2001, as much as possible, business as usual.

We are, however, in a rather unusual business.

In the past year, Field Museum anthropologists discovered the cradle of civilization for the Americas, Field Museum educators brought one third of a million schoolchildren through our doors, and Field Museum exhibitions staff helped hundreds of thousands of visitors explore the history and myth of Cleopatra.

And those are just three stories. For a sample of some sixty additional discoveries, events, achievements, publications, and breakthroughs big and small, look to the information "ticker" running across the bottom of each page.

While hardly comprehensive, we hope this report conveys the breadth and depth of the Museum's outstanding performance in 2001. Thank you for helping us make this an extraordinary year, and we look forward to your continued support.

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isn't this worth protecting?

That was the question for a pristine Peruvian rainforest and mountain habitat the size of Connecticut temporarily protected as a "reserved zone"—but threatened by logging, agriculture, and oil exploration.

That was the question The Field Museum's Environmental and Conservation Programs (ECP) staff and their colleagues at the Peruvian Association for the Conservation of Nature (APECO) asked as they finished field work in the Cordillera Azul mountains in September 2000.

Bringing new meaning to the term "rapid," the team completed its bilingual Rapid Biological Inventory report in four months, and—with tremendous support from government and nongovernmental organizations—prepared the technical documents for a proposed park in two months.

The result: on May 21, 2001 Peru's acting president Valentin Paniagua signed a law creating the new Parque Nacional Cordillera Azul.

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How high can a salamander go? This one, a new species of the *Bolitoglossa* genus, was found at 5,600 feet, the highest altitude at which salamanders have ever been documented in Peru.

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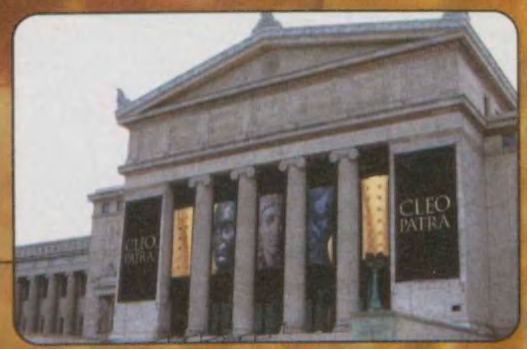

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Cleopatra did not succeed on looks alone

Her storied rise to power took more than a pretty face. Similarly, *Cleopatra of Egypt: From History to Myth* succeeded not just because it displayed beautiful objects.

For although *Cleopatra of Egypt* assembled 300 dazzling artifacts from thirty institutions—treasures that otherwise would require trips to The British Museum, the Hermitage, the Louvre, and twenty-seven other museums—the exhibition went deeper than surface beauty. Our presentation took visitors beyond Cleopatra's mythical allure to an understanding of the person behind the myth: where she came from, whom she loved, how she rose to power, and how she died.

Working with the exhibition's organizers—The British Museum and the Fondazione Memmo, Rome—The Field Museum balanced the romance of Cleopatra's personal story with her even more stunning *history*: a set of achievements based on brains, not beauty.

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the cradle of civilization in the Americas—was it too boring to explore?

The archaeological site Caral in Peru's "Norte Chico" region sat for decades, unexplored. Why? It was "uninteresting"; no ceramics. No textiles or metals, either.

In Peru, ceramics are particularly important: they're time markers—and hallmarks of civilization. So Caral was an enigma: how could a city with such magnificent architecture have no ceramics? The answer came when the Museum's Jonathan Haas and colleagues radiocarbon dated the site . . . to 2627 B.C., centuries before ceramics first appeared in Peru. Caral turns out to be the oldest urban center in the Americas.

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Haas with wife and colleague Winifred Creamer atop the remains of a pyramid 400 feet wide and sixty feet high, built at the time of Egypt's great pyramids.

A man collects reeds for weaving. 4,500 years ago reeds like these were used to make mesh bags. Filled with loose stone (above, left) these heavy bags were stacked to build the ancient Peruvian pyramids.

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priceless treasures— that we're about to bury

Supported by a $20 million grant from Governor George Ryan's Illinois First program, the $65 million Collections Resource Center forms the cornerstone of the most ambitious expansion in the Museum's history.

Anthropological artifacts—from a pair of tiny Sioux baby moccasins to a massive Sassanian (Persian) palace arch—will be housed on the upper floor (yellow); the lower floor (orange) will contain zoological and geological collections.

specimens shown actual size

To some, it's a jar of dead snakes. To our zoologists, however, specimens like these bull snakes represent a treasury of scientific data.

That's why we'll be putting them in a safe place: underground, in our planned state-of-the-art Collections Resource Center. Part of the largest expansion in the Museum's history, the 182,000 square-foot Center will contain laboratories, seminar spaces, work rooms, and a facility that will initially hold two million zoology, geology, and anthropology collections items—with room for more as the collections grow.

But the new Center isn't just about research. By consolidating the collections, it frees up almost 50,000 square feet for exhibitions and public programs and makes room for a much needed accessible east entrance to the Museum.

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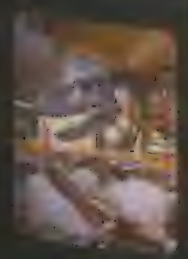

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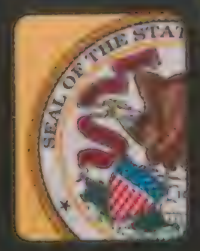

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heavier traffic: when is it good news?

When it concerns how many children come through our building in school groups. In 2001 that number was 320,000. We generate that kind of traffic, in part, through innovative programs such as the Field Ambassadors.

Field Ambassadors are Chicago-area educators, such as Aurelia Spann (right), who come to the Museum to learn how to make it more accessible and rewarding for their students. When they return to their schools, they bring Museum resources back to their fellow teachers. (Although in Ms. Spann's case, she brought her fellow teachers to the Museum.)

Since 1998, the Field Ambassadors program has grown from 28 teachers to 122, with visits from Field Ambassador schools jumping by 155%.

***EXTRA CREDIT QUESTION:**
What would happen if, like Ms. Spann, all 122 Field Ambassadors brought in thirty-five teachers from their schools, each of whom brought thirty students?

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Young children are an important audience for the Museum, but we also develop some 3,000 programs per year—ranging from public lectures to cultural performances—for visitors of all ages.

Third-grade teacher Aurelia Spann was so excited about the Field Ambassador program that in January of 2001 she brought Henderson School's entire staff to the Museum to learn about it.

In collaboration with the Chicago Public Schools, and with support from the Polk Bros. Foundation, Negaunee Foundation, and Ryerson Tull Foundation, the number of Field Ambassadors has doubled each year since the program's founding.

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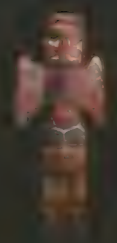
Theobroma cacao—the rainforest tree from whose seeds we make chocolate—grows in the shade of tropical rainforests near the equator. It's pollinated by tiny flies called midges who live in the debris on the forest floor.

Replication specialist David Hanke pours polyester resin "chocolate" over a monumental confection, part of a nine-foot tall video installation that tells the story of *Chocolate Today*.

Over the next five years, everything in the exhibition, from sacred Maya vessels to nineteenth century candy molds, will travel in more than 120 custom-built crates to the tour's ten venues.



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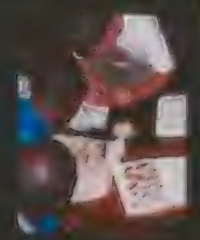

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this story starts out bitter and ends up sweet

The "food of the gods" has a bitter beginning—as the seed of the cacao tree. It wasn't until the nineteenth century—and the addition of sugar, milk, and the grinding power of the steam engine—that the first chocolate bar appeared.

With development and design completed late in 2001, the Museum's *Chocolate* exhibition opened on Valentine's Day 2002. Supported by the National Science Foundation, *Chocolate* traces cacao's journey from rainforest product, to Aztec empire trade item, to global commodity.

To tell this story, we've selected artifacts from around the world, and replicated everything from the 2,000+ leaves of a cacao tree to a nine-foot tall box of chocolates.

Finally, through its five-year, ten-museum tour, *Chocolate* will build on The Field Museum's reputation as a provider of first-class traveling exhibitions.
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700 degrees Fahrenheit, no oxygen, total darkness

For marine biologist Janet Voight this was really something to write home about.

On June 17, 2001 Voight set course for the Pacific Ocean's Juan de Fuca Ridge, 230 miles off the Washington coast. There, she acted as watch leader while scientists gathered data from deep-sea hydrothermal vents via remote-operated submersible.

The team's only biologist, Voight collected the worms and mollusks that thrive in the hot, mineral-laden, hydrothermal fluid. Even in this dark, toxic, oxygen-deprived environment—which ranges from a balmy sixty-eight degrees to a searing 700 degrees—diverse organisms thrive.

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Janet Voight is the first museum curator ever to serve as watch leader for a JASON crew. Voight notes that although oceans cover seventy percent of the Earth, we know more about the surface of Mars than we do about the ocean floor.

The stomach of this octopus, from the Juan de Fuca Ridge, held a surprise: snails and polychaete worms known only from hydrothermal vents. The hungry octopus must have reached into toxic vent fluids to grab these animals for a meal.

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Curator of meteoritics Meenakshi Wadhwa will use the mass spectrometer to analyze meteorites such as this one. The chemical composition of such meteorites holds clues to help us better understand the solar system's formation and evolution.

A kaleidoscope of colors appears in this false color image of a Martian meteorite, thin sectioned to a fraction of a millimeter. By studying the chemistry of Martian rocks, Wadhwa and other geologists are uncovering the history of the red planet.

Laboratory manager Phil Janney (right) and collections assistant Rebekah Hines (left) prepare samples in the lab's clean room. Since the spectrometer can detect trace elements down to one billionth of a gram, keeping things clean is critical for getting accurate results.

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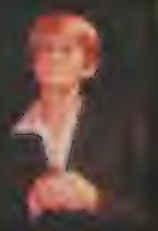

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this spectrometer gets as hot as the surface of the sun—which is very cool

To be specific, this "multi-collector plasma-source mass spectrometer," part of the Museum's new Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory, uses a plasma torch that reaches 10,000° Fahrenheit to vaporize geological samples, allowing scientists to pinpoint their chemical composition.

The Museum's curator of meteoritics, Meenakshi Wadhwa, thinks that's pretty cool. In so many words.

Completed in September of 2001, the new facility, funded in part by NASA and the National Science Foundation, is the first of its kind in a North American museum. Wadhwa will use the lab to precisely date the formation of ancient meteorites. Her future projects include studying the chemical composition of Mars rocks and solar particles.

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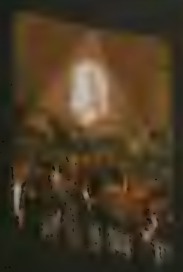

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in the footsteps of Marco Polo—documenting species diversity in Bhutan

In 1272 Marco Polo became the first outsider to describe the Himalayas' natural wonders. Some of the species he reported would wait six centuries—until the Victorian era—to be confirmed by scientific reports.

Now, in the twenty-first century, Field Museum zoologists Thomas Gnoske and Julian Kerbis Peterhans have opened a new era of research in the Himalayas. In 2001 Gnoske and Kerbis Peterhans, with funding from the World Wildlife Fund and Field Museum research endowments, collaborated with Bhutan's Nature Conservation Division to begin documenting the region's highly diverse—yet poorly known—birds and mammals.

As this report went to press, The Field Museum, WWF, and The Royal Government of Bhutan signed a memorandum of understanding to conduct biodiversity research through 2004. The team's findings will help The Royal Government of Bhutan make sound ecological management decisions—and initiate Bhutan's first natural history museum.

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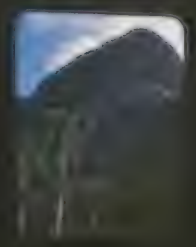

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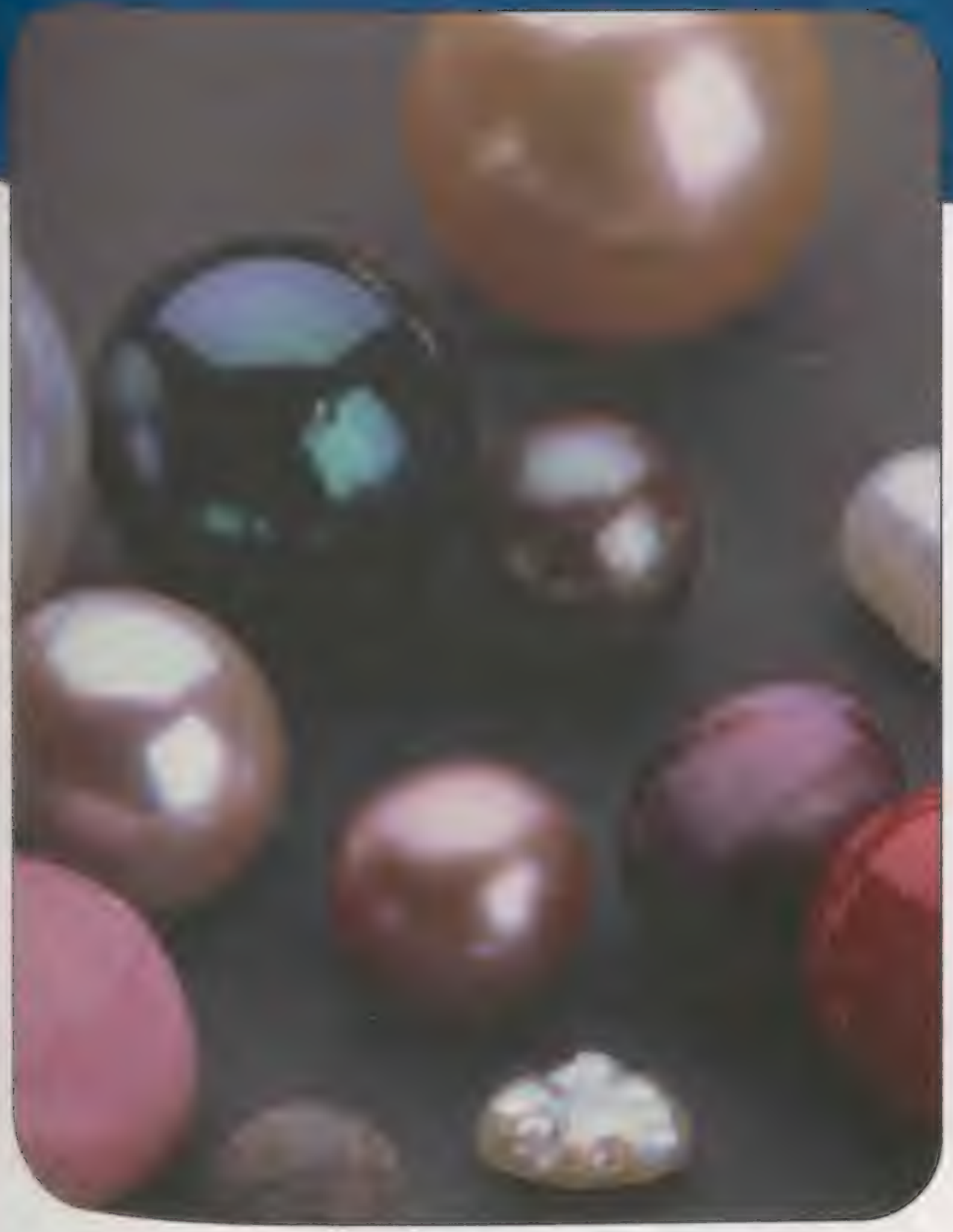

Pearls: are they tears of the gods?

Since ancient times, human beings have coveted—and conjectured about—pearls. On June 28, 2002 a gorgeous exhibition, supported by Tasaki Shinju Co. Ltd., will bring to light the true nature of these lustrous gemstones: how they're created in nature and encouraged by humankind; the biology and ecology of the creatures that make them; the roles pearls have played in history; and the lengths—or depths—to which we have gone to obtain them.

Pearls—created in collaboration with The American Museum of Natural History, New York—is the largest exhibition ever put together on the subject, with more than 600 objects and nearly half a million individual pearls. Featured are 40-million-year-old fossil pearls that still hold their luster; the largest giant clam ever collected; and of course, fabulous jewelry and fashions that have adorned the likes of Queen Victoria, Marie Antoinette, and Marilyn Monroe.

Nov 30 Museum upgrades its Internet connection to OC-3 fiber optic technology, increasing speed fifty-fold

Dec 31 The Field Museum closes the year with 1.8 million attendance and $50 million in gifts and grants

2001 financial highlights

$ in millions
year ended December 31, 2001
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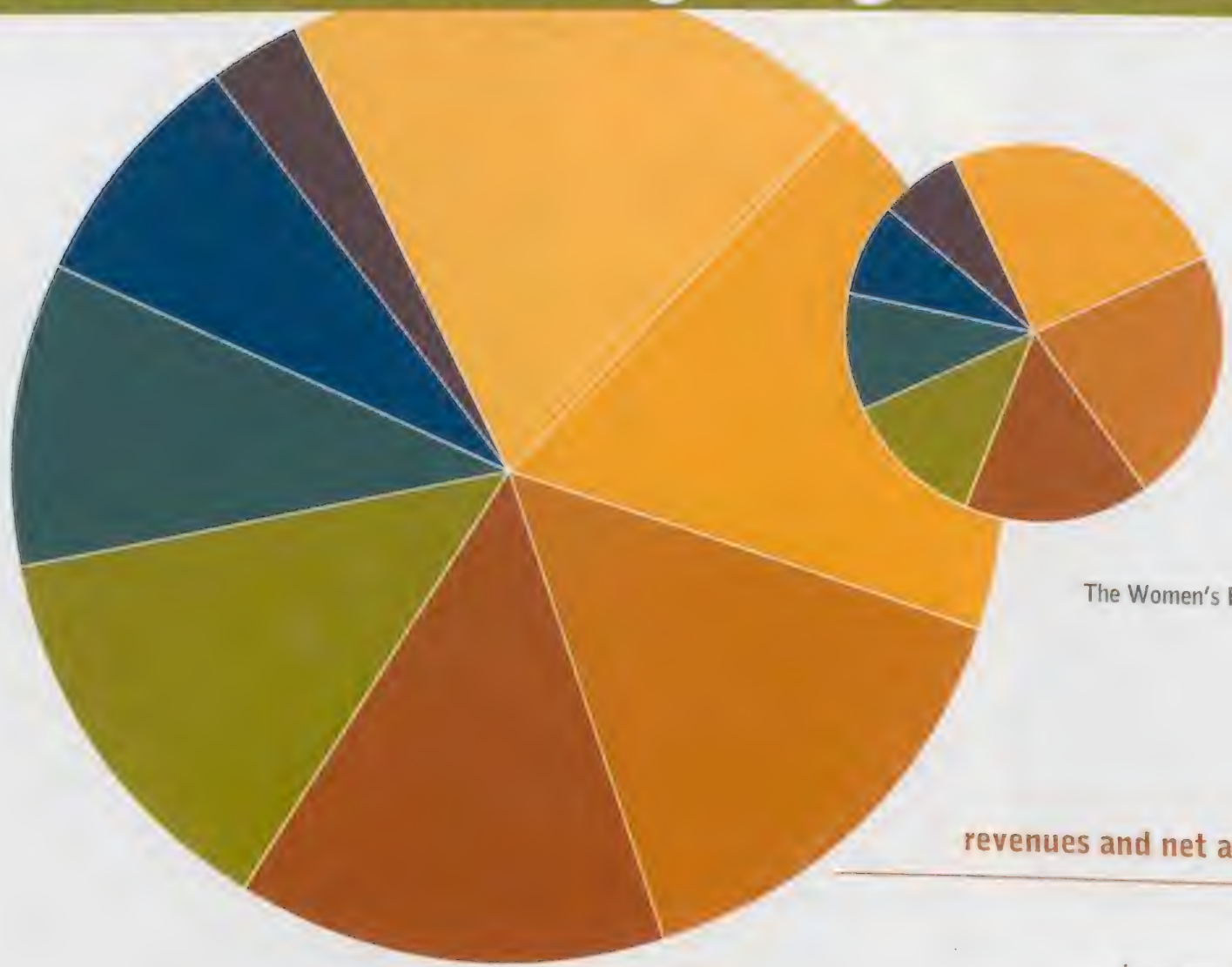


annual contributions

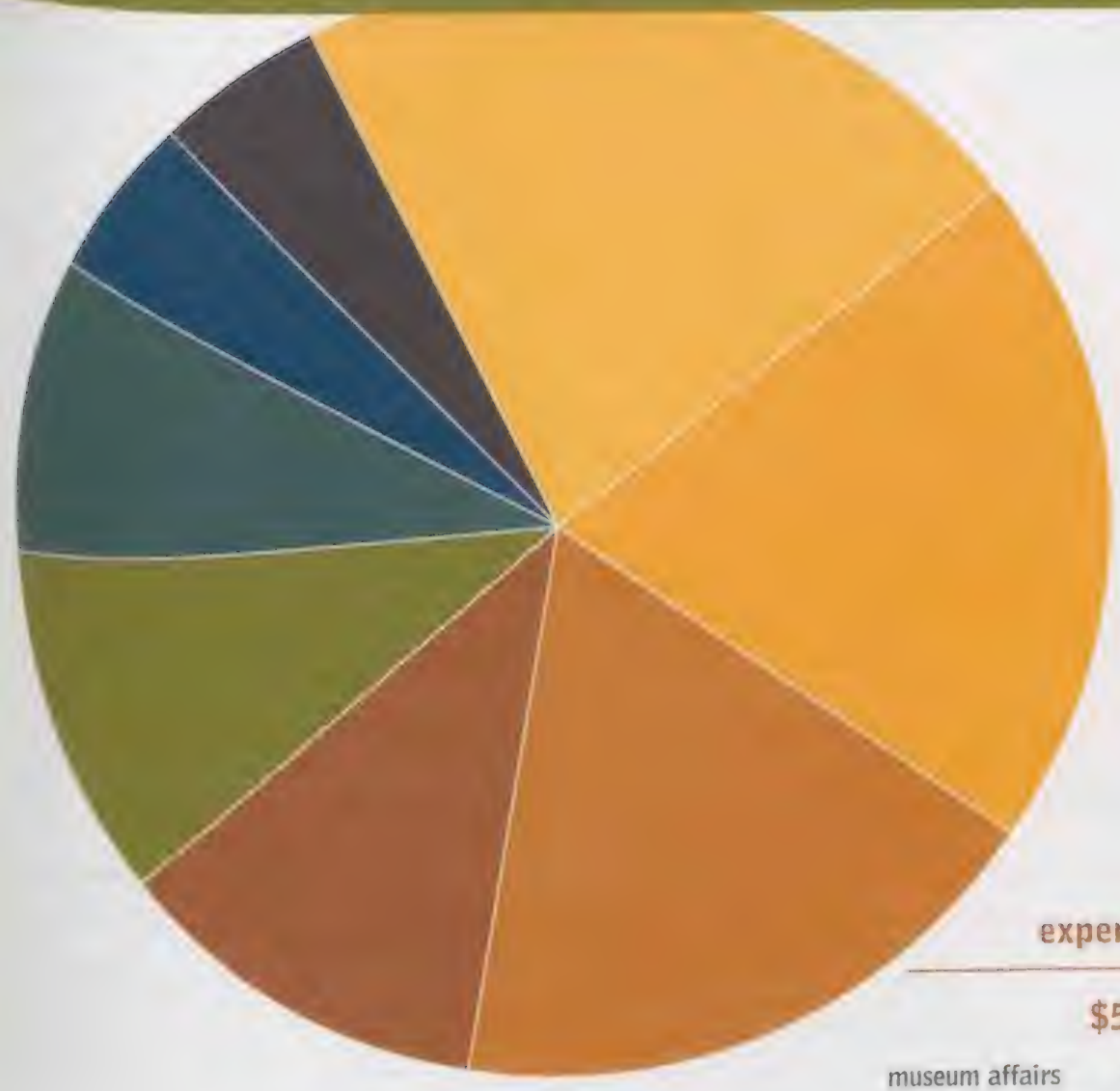
$10.5

individuals	25%
The Founders' Council	22%
members	16%
corporations/sponsors	12%
foundations	10%
The Women's Board and Field Associates	8%
Board of Trustees	7%

revenues and net assets released

$58.2

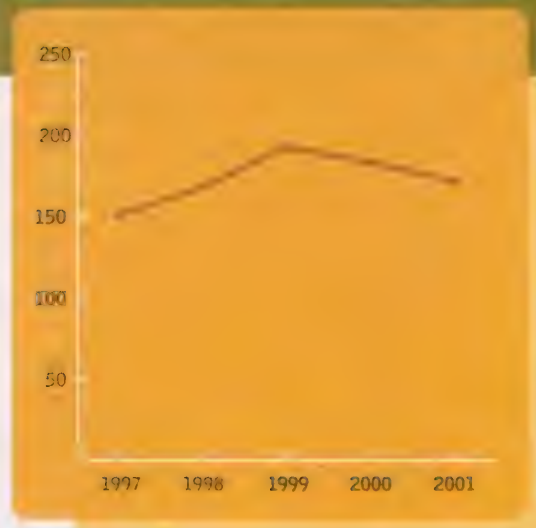
investment earnings	19%
annual contributions	18%
business enterprises	15%
admissions	14%
Chicago Park District	13%
federal, state, and local support	10%
net assets released	8%
other income	3%



expenses

$56.5

museum affairs	22%
academic affairs	20%
general services and facilities	18%
institutional advancement	11%
business enterprises	10%
public services	9%
information services	5%
administration	5%



endowment

1997	$151.1
1998	$167.9
1999	$192.8
2000	$183.4
2001	$172.1

to be one of the world's leading museums of anthropology and the natural sciences takes comprehensive collections, deep research expertise, diverse educational programs, and permanent and changing exhibitions that educate, entertain, and generate visitorship. The sidebar (far right) shows how The Field Museum meets these criteria.

But to stand out even among the world's greatest museums takes something more: partnerships. In its second century, The Field Museum is increasing its emphasis on such partnerships here in Chicago and around the globe. These strategic alliances a few of which are listed at right—keep The Field Museum at the forefront of innovation.

with...	we...
The Royal Government of Bhutan and World Wildlife Fund	launched species inventory and conservation programs
University of Illinois at Chicago	conduct archaeological expeditions
Chicago Park District and more than 140 organizations	protect local habitat through the Chicago Wilderness program
Democratic Republic of Congo	collaborate on buiding capacity for biodiversity studies
The University of Chicago	excel in evolutionary biology research
Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza	helped lay the groundwork for a new national park
Israel Antiquities Authority	brought the *Dead Sea Scrolls* to Chicago
19 local ethnic centers and museums	created the Cultural Connections program
Université d'Antananarivo, Madagascar	launched programs in conservation and education
The British Museum	develop exhibitions such as *Cartier, Cleopatra,* and *Eternal Egypt*
The City of Chicago	helped bring more than $75 million in tourism revenues to Chicago
The American Museum of Natural History	created the *Pearls* exhibition
The Palace Museum, Beijing	are producing the *Splendors of the Forbidden City* exhibition (March 2004)

2001 at a glance

collections
- 800 incoming specimens per day
- 71,000 loaned specimens and objects
- 21.5 million specimens and artifacts

research
- 75 active grants totaling $40 million
- 240 publications
- 420,000 sq. ft. for research, laboratories, and collections

education
- 3,000 educational programs
- 320,000 children on school field trips
- 2.1 million Web site visitors

exhibitions
- 11 temporary exhibitions
- 385,000 sq. ft. of public space
- 1.8 million visitors

institution
- 41,000 memberships
- $50 million in gifts and grants
- $58 million annual budget
- $172 million endowment

The Field Museum is changing the role of museums from storing and displaying the world's wonders to actively exploring and protecting them.

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Billington presents "The Face of Russia: Anguish, Aspiration, and Achievement in Russian Culture". **Mar 30** New DNA sequencer arrives in the Pritzker Laboratory thanks to a gift from The Negaunee Foundation. **Apr 1** *Kremlin Gold: 1000 Years of Russian Gems and Jewels* closes after a total attendance of 221,000 visitors. **Apr 13** Ghanaian tribal elders perform blessing to open exhibition *Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity*, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. **Apr 18** The Founders' Council presents its annual Award of Merit to University of Massachusetts evolutionary biologist Lynn Margulis. **Apr 21** Dr. Richard Boyum donates a copy of second Dutch edition of Johannes de Laet's *Beschrijvinghe van West-Indien*, published in 1630, to Field Museum Library. **Apr 23** Geologist John Flynn awarded Guggenheim Fellowship to support a year of paleontological research in Chile. **Apr 27** Students attend the third annual YES! In My Backyard! Youth Environmental Summit, an environmental education program funded by Monsanto. **May 1** Friends of The Field Museum Library celebrate tenth anniversary and debut facsimile reproductions from John James Audubon's *Birds of America*. **May 10** Guest speaker paleoanthropologist Richard Leakey speaks to standing-room-only audience in James Simpson Theatre. **May 12** Two hundred attend A. Watson Armour III Spring Symposium, The Paleobiology and Phylogenetics of Large Theropods. **May 16** *The New York Times* reports study by zoologists Doug Stotz, Dave Willard, and Mary Hennen which concludes that dimming Chicago skyscrapers can reduce bird deaths by 80%. **May 22** Reaching 41 states, Project E.R. (Environmental Rescue), supported by NASA, virtually transports students to research sites in Illinois, Kenya, and Ecuador. **May 25–26** A T.rex *Named Sue*, supported by McDonald's, travels to museums in Columbus, OH and Indianapolis, IN. **Jun 4** Zoologists Dave Willard and Steve Goodman complete MacArthur Foundation-supported inventory of birds and mammals in the Central African Republic. **Jun 6** With leadership from Minority Leader Rep. Lee Daniels, $20 million approved by Illinois General Assembly for first phase of Museum expansion. **Jun 15** Zoologist Bill Stanley launches Web-based key in English and Swahili to help identify mammals of Tanzania. **Jun 18** A nineteen-month ethnographic research project to map social assets in Chicago's Lake Calumet region begins. **Jun 22** Botanist Sabine Huhndorf receives prestigious National Science Foundation PEET grant for taxonomical research, a remarkable fifth such grant for the Museum. **Jun 28** Summer sound and light show, *Chicago—a New Canvas*, debuts, conceived by civic leader Francie Comer. **Jun 30** By the year's midpoint, 719 volunteers have contributed half of the 75,000 hours they will give by year's end. **Jul 4** Smithsonian scientists honor botanist Michael Dillon with new plant genus, *Dillandia*, for his contributions to botany of the Peruvian Andes. **Jul 14** Field Museum sends cast of Ice Age skeleton, Magdalenian Girl, to museum at site in France where she was discovered. **Jul 23** Cape Fox totem pole, acquired in 1899, repatriated in a special ceremony hosted by Tlingit tribal leaders in Alaska. **Jul 25** Two new beetle collections add to Museum's staphylinid beetle holdings—already world's largest at 750,000 specimens. **Jul 28** Zoologist John Bates and colleagues return after teaching field course on inventorying small mammals and birds in the Democratic Republic of Congo. **Aug 8** NASA's Genesis spacecraft is launched to collect samples of solar particles, a portion of which will be analyzed in the Museum's labs. **Aug 10** *Cheyenne Visions* exhibition, celebrating the Museum's long relationship with the Cheyenne, opens with ceremonial blessing. **Aug 17** *The Evolution of Plants*, a textbook for students in paleobotany co-authored by geologist Jennifer McElwain, goes to press. **Aug 29** Geologist Peter Makovicky announces discovery of well-preserved, 70-million-year-old dinosaur *Gallimimus bullatus* in Mongolian Gobi Desert. **Sep 1** Dr. Robert Martin, one of the world's foremost primatologists, becomes Vice President for Academic Affairs. **Sep 11** In response to the attacks on the United States, The Field Museum closes, and plans town hall meetings and other educational programs with support from Boeing and Nuveen corporations. **Sep 19** In a radio interview, botanist William Burger discusses formation of sand dunes and reemergence of plants near Chicago's Montrose Harbor. **Sep 23** Excavation underway for $23 million replacement of Museum's heating and cooling systems—most of which date to the Woodrow Wilson administration. **Sep 26** Botanist Jun Wen discovers two new species in the ginseng plant family in southeast Asia while collecting 1,200 herbarium specimens. **Oct 3** Anthropology conservator Ruth Norton conducts preservation assessment at National Library of Cambodia. **Oct 4** Guest speaker Meave Leakey describes discovery of a 3.5 million-year-old skull in Kenya

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